

KEW NEWS

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With this newsletter you will receive

- KCF Snippets
- Permission slips for the Polka Theatre Years 2—6
- Letter regarding Christmas Plays for Nursery Red and Nursery Yellow
- Letter to Nursery Red regarding Puppet Theatre arrangements on Thursday 25th November

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| Monday 22 nd November | Skipping workshop "All day skip" - Kindergarten—Year 6 | Hall/Playground |
| Tuesday 23 rd November | Year 3 A and B netball v Old Vicarage | Home at 2.00pm |
| | Year 6 girls 6 a side football tournament at Orchard House | Time to be confirmed |
| Wednesday 24 th November | Year 1 outing to London Zoo Coach leaves at 9.00am | |
| Thursday 25th November | Years 2—6 Polka Theatre outing. Coaches leave at 12.15pm and returns to school at 4.30pm. Swimming as usual, children to wear school uniform and blazers. No games | |
| | Nursery—Year 1 Infants Puppet Show 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse' at 2.00pm in the Sedum | |
| Friday 26 th November | Year 5 Cake Sale | |
| | Theatre Group to visit and perform to Years 5 and 6 in the Sedum | 9.00am |
| | Infant House Disco in the Sedum Nursery – Year 1 Entrance in Leyborne Park Road | 3—4.30pm |
| Saturday 27 th November | Junior House Disco at the Barn Church Hall Year 2 – Year 6 | 5.00 – 7.00pm |

Dear Parents,

This week the children had their first opportunity to use the Library at lunchtimes on Monday and Friday. This is proving very popular and I would like to thank the parent volunteers who are giving up their time to make it possible.

We have had some very cold weather on Games days, so please could you remember to ensure that your children come suitably equipped with warm clothing.

I am afraid we had an irate visit this week from our neighbours at Number 30, who are very unhappy about people regularly parking across their driveway at drop-off and collection times. We cannot emphasise enough how unpopular this makes us with our local community, and also how dangerous it is for the children. I would therefore urge you again to do everything you can to park in the appropriate bays. The Infants had visitors this week who presented a Road Safety assembly to them, and it would be nice if we could all back up the message with considerate parking. Thank you.

Anne Dobell

Two dates for your diary.....

Both Tournaments at University of Westminster Sports Ground

Football Tournament

On **Tuesday 30th November at 1.45p.m.** - we will be holding a Football Tournament for boys from Years 3 – 6. It will be a fun session with teams representing:

Manchester United

Chelsea

Barcelona

Real Madrid

A.C. Milan

Inter Milan

Lyon

Marseilles

Parents are warmly invited to come along and support our teams.

Netball Tournament

On **Thursday 2nd December at 1.45pm** – we will be holding a Netball Tournament for girls from years 3 – 6. Parents are warmly invited to come along and support the teams.

Games and Swimming

Some children are arriving for games without the complete games kit. It is very important that all children wear shorts beneath their Kew College track suits, the track suit bottoms are taken off at the games field and kept dry, so that they have dry clothes to put back on after the session. The boys play on a water-based pitch, therefore they get wet if they slide on it. Shin pads are also compulsory for protection. They also allow the boys to be a little more adventurous when tackling the other players.

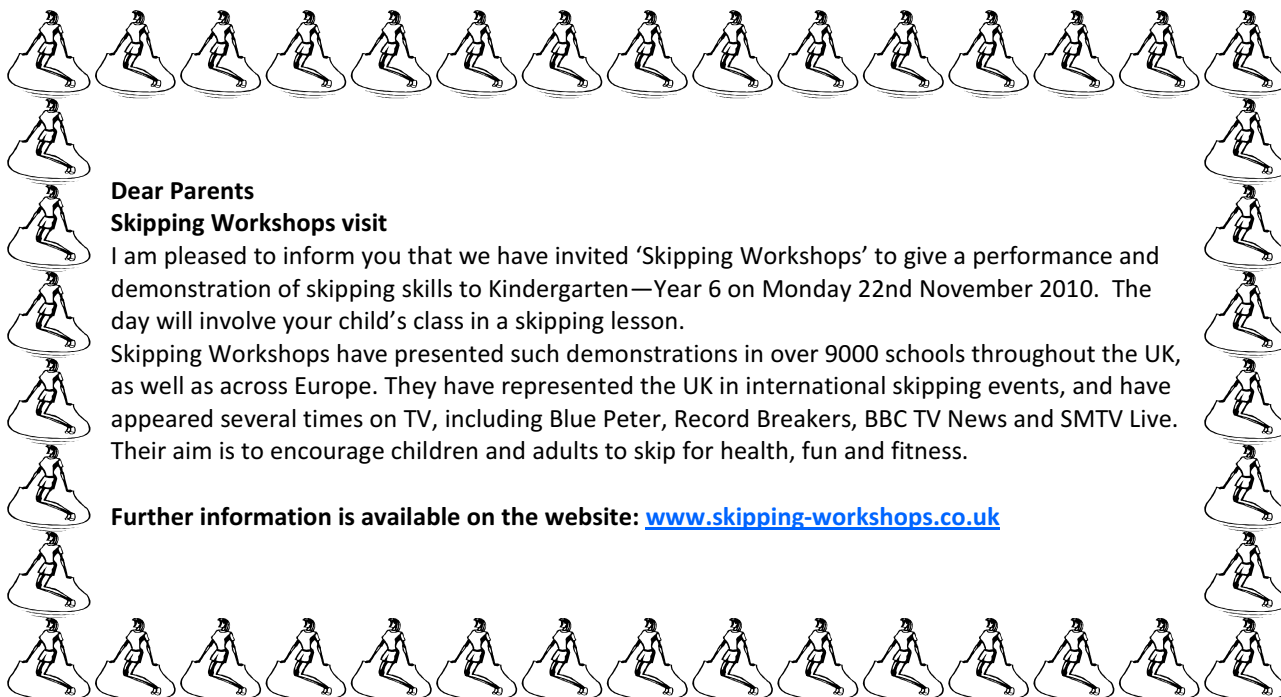
Swimming

If your child is unable to swim but you feel they are well enough for games, please bring them to school at the following times:

Years 5 and 6 at 9.00 am

Year 4 at 10.00 am

Year 3 at 10.30 am



Dear Parents

Skipping Workshops visit

I am pleased to inform you that we have invited 'Skipping Workshops' to give a performance and demonstration of skipping skills to Kindergarten—Year 6 on Monday 22nd November 2010. The day will involve your child's class in a skipping lesson.

Skipping Workshops have presented such demonstrations in over 9000 schools throughout the UK, as well as across Europe. They have represented the UK in international skipping events, and have appeared several times on TV, including Blue Peter, Record Breakers, BBC TV News and SMTV Live. Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness.

Further information is available on the website: www.skipping-workshops.co.uk



Congratulations to the following children, who won prizes for their imaginative and beautiful designs for this year's Christmas pudding labels:

Chocolate pudding:

Harry B Nursery Red.

Infant Christmas pudding:

Daniella Kindergarten Green.

Junior pudding label:

Celia 3S.

Congratulations also to **Rosa 2C**, who won the overall prize for the Christmas card design.

Well done to all the children who entered these competitions, and thank you for putting us (already) in the Christmas mood.

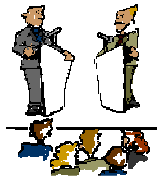


Debating Club

This week's motion was 'Children today are overprotected'.

Points raised were:

- It is silly not to let us use pins to attach our Remembrance poppies to our clothing.
- Children should have the opportunity to use matches to learn how to be safe with them.
- Children learn from experience and should not be overprotected.
- Preventing children from playing outside deprives them of fresh air and exercise.
- Anxious parents make anxious children.
- It is unfair that children are no longer allowed to go out alone, use penknives etc as they did in former times.
- Adults are right to look after their children and try to keep them safe.
- It is sensible to have rules about things like the use of fireworks.



The motion was passed by 19 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.

It was good to hear the children's sensible, thoughtful impromptu ideas on this topic.

We also had fun with exercises like 'Just a minute' - some of our debaters are proving very competent and entertaining performers!

NOTICES

DANGEROUS PARKING

Once again we have had complaints about parking across our neighbours driveways. Apart from the inconvenience of blocking them in it is also dangerous for other parents with children crossing the roads. This also applies to the zigzag lines outside both Kew College and Queen's School where cars are constantly parked illegally. We would also ask that parents refrain from parking across both schools driveways as these are Emergency exits.

Our neighbours also mentioned that very often children on scooters ride in and out of their driveways. This is dangerous as they cannot be seen by a driver pulling out. We ask that you be vigilant when your children are on scooters and warn them that they should stop at each driveway as they do at crossings and check that a car is not pulling out. Thank you.

PERMISSION SLIPS FOR THE POLKA THEATRE TRIP ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2010

Please would you return the permission slips for the Polka Theatre trip by **Tuesday 23rd November** at the latest. Thank you